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**In The Specification**

Please amend the following paragraphs as indicated:

[0036] The passages may form a pattern as desired by the operator and may include, for example, ~~[[a]]~~ X-Y grids, ~~[[an]]~~ offset X-Y grids, circular rings, a triangular pattern, a random pattern, ~~and or~~ a spiral pattern among others. Figures ~~[[4-6]]~~ 3A, 4 and 5 ~~respectively~~ illustrate passages 246, 346, and 446, ~~respectively~~, in a spiral pattern, an offset X-Y grid pattern, and a random pattern, ~~respectively~~.

[0042] Figure 5 is another embodiment of patterned polishing article 448. In this embodiment, grooves 442 may be disposed in an X-Y pattern with diagonally disposed grooves 454 intersecting the X-Y patterned grooves 442. The diagonal grooves 454 may be disposed at an angle between about 30° and about 60° from any of the X-Y grooves 442. Passages 446 may be disposed at the intersections of the X-Y grooves 442, the intersections of the X-Y grooves 442 and diagonal grooves 454, along any of the grooves 442 and 454, or disposed in the polishing article 448 outside of the grooves 442 and 454. As described above, another embodiment of the polishing article 448 may have a pattern of passages independent of any groove pattern, with intersection of passages and grooves independent of one another. As shown in Figure 5, the passages 446 and grooves 442 are disposed in the inner diameter 450 of the polishing article and the outer diameter of the polishing pad 444 is typically free of passages. The outer diameter 450 of the polishing pad 440 may be free of grooves and passages.